South Indian languages programme in Doordarshan

2866. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of time allotted to programmes which are telecast on Doordarshan for South Indian languages like Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada and Hindi; and

(b) what are the steps Government propose to take to remove im-balanced, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AMD BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Support price for seeds

2867. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT be gleasfid to. state:

(a) whether the support price for seeds has been raised recently; and

(b) if so, what is the extent thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR): (a) and (b) The Government does not fix any support price for seeds and, hence, the question of the support price for seeds having been raised recently does not arise.

National Co-operative Consumers Federation

2868. SHRI L. GANESAN;
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

„ Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of com-***plaints received during the last three years by Government on the functioning of the National Co-operative Consumers Federation of India Ltd. (NCCF);

(b) what is the nature of the complaints received;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(d) what steps Government are taking or proposed to take to improve the functioning of the Federation?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) to (d) The National Cooperative Consumers Federation of India Ltd. is an autonomous cooperative institution at national level with an elected Board of Management. The Department of Civil Supplies, as the administrative department received complaints and allegations on administrative, business and financial aspects of the functioning of NCCF and they were looked into. In order to find out the deficiencies in the working of NCCF and to suggest remedial measures on inspection of the NCCF was conducted by a Joint Secretary of this Department. The report submitted by Joint Secretary, containing various recommendations for improvement of the functioning of the NCCF is being considered by the NCCF.

Radio Kashmir

2869. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what measures A.I.R. envisages for widening the listening range of the Radio Kashmir in far flung and remote areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): In its draft 7th Plan proposals, AIR has included the following schemes for Srinagar & Jammu to increase the listening range of the existing Transmitters in the region:

1. *Srinagar:*

(1) Replacement of existing 7.5 KW SW transmitter by 50 KW SW.

2) Replacement of exis.ing 1 KW MW transmitter by 10 KW MW (Yuva Vani).

2 Jammu:

(1) Replacement of existing 1 KW MW transmitter by 10 KW MW.

(2) Upgradation of the power of existing 50 KW MW transmitter to 300 KW MW.

3. Left:

Installation of a short wave trans- mitter of 10 KW.

Construction of new radio stations at Bhadarwah, Kargil, Poonch and Kathua also figure in AIR's draft proposals for the 7th Plan.

Implementation of these schemes will depend on the final allocation of funds for AIR during 7th Plan.

Doordarshan programmes in Jammu and Kashmir as counter to Pak T. V. programmes

2870. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased t_0 state what $step_s$ are con- to make out T.V. more !e in Karnah, Keran, Gureg, , Poonch areas, to counter T.V. programmes of Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): Whereas Rajouri and Poonch areas shall b_e brough under TV coverage with the installation of High Power transmitters in Jammu and Poonch, the extension of TV service to other uneovere-1 areas in the State would depend upon the availability of resources during the future pians of TV expansion.

Greater Aizawal water scheme

2871. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to state:

(a) when the Greater Aizawal water scheme started;

(b) what is the amount which has been allocated for the scheme and how much has been spent so far; and

(c) the time by when the scheme is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Technical approval for the revised phase I of the Greater Aizawal water supply scheme was accorded by the Central Public Health Engineering Organisation of the Ministry of Works and Housing on 14th February, 1983. Administrative approval for the revised phase I was accorded by the Union Territory Administration in March, 1984. The tender fo_r civil portion of the work was finalised in June, 1984 and mechanical portion in July, 1984. The work on the project is in progress.

(b) An amount of Rs. 300 lakhs has been proposed to be earmarked ;for the projec. during the current financial year. The esact amount spent so far out of this is not readily available.

(c) According to present indications, the project is like! com- pleted by March, 1986.

Population covered by T.V. in uttar Pradesh

2872, DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of population in U. P. covered by television and the percentage in that State as compared to all India percentage; and